April Adoptable Pet—Blue!

Have you had the chance to meet big ol’ Blue?! If not, we strongly suggest a trip to the shelter because this goofball is just a peach and quickly wins the hearts of all who meet him. At approximately 1.5 years old and 50 lbs, Blue is a fun age and great size; he’s past his puppyhood but still has a long fun-filled life ahead of him.

As you can see in the photo with his buddy Lupita, Blue is generally great with other dogs and loves all his human buddies too.

No feline friends for this handsome guy, but Blue will otherwise be a lovely addition for some lucky and loving family!

Blue has been neutered, heartworm tested, vaccinated, and micro-chipped so he’s all ready to hit the road and join his forever home. So don’t delay...come adopt Blue today!

Humane Education

Are you a troop leader, teacher, or some other type of youth program facilitator? If so, you may be interested in our humane education programming. Our Director has years of experience as a humane educator and can come to your troop meeting or classroom to speak about what we do here at KCAC as well as a myriad of other (age appropriate) animal welfare topics. For more information or to schedule a session, contact us at (630) 553-9256.
Upcoming Events

Kendall County Animal Control is a big part of the community! Now that the weather is improving, we’ll be back in action with more adoption events soon but for now we still have plenty of Volunteer Orientations on our agenda:

**Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30pm-8:00 pm:** Come join us for our **April** Volunteer Orientation! Kendall County Animal Control is always looking for some great additions to our team of passionate volunteers. You can learn more about the orientation and general volunteer information here: http://www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/volunteer/

**Tuesday, May 12th, 6:30pm-8:00 pm:** Come join us for our **May** Volunteer Orientation! Kendall County Animal Control is always looking for some great additions to our team of passionate volunteers. You can learn more about the orientation and general volunteer information here:

**KCAC Looking for More Event Locations**

Speaking of events...did you know that we’re always looking for spots in the community to hold adoption events and fundraisers? We’re lucky to have some wonderful partners, such as Country Comfort Boarding and Grooming here in Yorkville, that frequently host us for adoption events. However, we’d love to have even more spots to showcase our dogs as it is a wonderful way for them to receive some extra socialization and get their gorgeous faces out there and into the public’s eye. If you or a friend or family member has a business that would be interested in partnering with us, please email Anna at afriedman@co.kendall.il.us.

*Lupita, Blue, and Max enjoy some fun times with wonderful KCAC volunteers at a recent adoption event.*
National Pet ID Week

National Pet ID Week is this month from April 19-25. This is the ideal time to focus on identification for pets since the number of animals that get loose from their homes tends to increase during the spring and summer months.

One of the main goals of Animal Control is to reunite lost pets and their owners. And though we here at KCAC use every resource available to us, the best way owners can help ensure they are reunited with their pet is to have proper identification on their animal at all times. We often hear that pets who are indoor only don’t wear identification but any dog or cat can make a run for it through a door that is accidentally left open or an unlatched gate. We suggest the following for insuring that your pet has the identification s/he needs:

1. Make sure that your pet’s current rabies tag for the county you reside in is affixed to your pet’s collar. This is not only required by law but is also very beneficial to your pet. In Kendall County, dogs are registered through their tag numbers so if your dog goes missing and his wearing his or her tag, we can quickly provide owner information and ensure that s/he gets home safely.

2. You can also purchase an ID tag to display on your pet’s collar. These area available at most local pet stores and are the quickest way for a “finder” to access owner information since your phone number is right on the tag and doesn’t require calling the county for Rabies tag information or contacting a microchip company.

3. The most permanent form of ID for your pet is a microchip. No larger than a grain of rice, the microchip is implanted underneath the animal’s skin with a syringe. Animal shelters, veterinary hospitals, and some police departments have scanners that will provide the chip number. Once the chip number is read, the organization can access the national database for owner information. Microchips are a wonderful tool since they will stay with your pet even if their collar comes off. Remember though, it’s crucial to have your up to date information registered with your pet’s microchip!

Nothing makes us happier than seeing a dog or cat reclaimed by their loving family. Help us accomplish even more happy reunions by providing your pet with proper identification today.

Adoption Update…Coco!

Little Coco was adopted from KCAC in February and since that time her wonderful adopters have sent two lovely updates letting us know how swimmingly she is adjusting to the good life!

Apparently Coco loves both of her new parents but she is particularly smitten with her dad whom she spends her days with. Miss Coco also loves exploring her new yard (supervised, of course), going to the groomer, and sporting her many fashionable collars.

We love to see our alumni thriving in their new homes and living the life that they so deserve. If you have an update on your Kendall County Animal Control alumni, email us at animals@co.kendall.il.us

Coco looking extra adorable in her Saint Patrick’s Day bows
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Kendall County Animal Control is the County agency responsible for the enforcement of the state statutes governing rabies control in domestic companion animals. The State of Illinois requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Compliance with this law is monitored through the issuance of rabies tags for all dogs residing in the County. All dogs are required to wear their rabies tags when off of the owner’s property. If a pet is lost, rabies tags also provide an excellent means of identifying your pet.

Kendall County Animal Control enforces the County’s ordinance that prohibits dogs from running at large in unincorporated, residential areas. Animal Control also reports animal bites as well as pick up stray dogs that are in a contained area. Stray dogs may also be brought to the facility during business hours. Dogs and cats are available for adoption at our facility.

March Summary

There were many memorable moments in March. Among our favorites was seeing the last of a litter of kittens that had been treated for ringworm finally go home! Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of March:

- Dogs adopted: 4
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 3
- Cats adopted: 1
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 2

Dani and her loving new parents are ready to hit the road and begin her happily ever after!